

BARNEY & JOANNA HAGAR

FOR THE SENSITIVE REHABILITATION
OF POOR RICHARD'S BOOKS LTD. AT

968 BALMORAL RD.

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THIS QUEEN ANNE STYLE BRICK RESIDENCE WAS BUILT IN 1893 BY J.F. BAKER, OWNER OF BAKER BRICK & TILE COMPANY OF VICTORIA IN 1910 AND A CONTRACTOR AND BRICK MANUFACTURER BY TRADE. HE ALSO AT ONE TIME OWNED THE VICTORIA ICE COMPANY. WHEN BAKER MARRIED A SECOND TIME HE BUILT ANOTHER HOME AT 714 DISCOVERY STREET AS A BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR HIS NEW WIFE. HE SERVED AS A VICTORIA CITY ALDERMAN AND DIED IN THE MID-1930'S.

BARNEY AND JOANNA HAGAR PURCHASED THE HOUSE IN SEPTEMBER OF 1981 AND NAMED IT "THE BAKER HOUSE" AFTER ITS ORIGINAL OWNER. ~~THEY PREVIOUSLY OWNED A ROCKLAND AREA RESIDENCE.~~ THE BALMORAL PROPERTY WAS REZONED AND THE HAGAR'S OPENED THE HOUSE AS THE NEW LOCATION OF THEIR USED BOOKSTORE IN JULY OF 1982, AFTER 4 MONTHS OF EXTENSIVE WORK ON THE STRUCTURE. THE HAGAR'S LIVE IN THE UPPER STORY OF THE HOUSE.

~~ARCHITECT WAS GERALD E. SAGER AND CONTRACTOR, FREE FORM BUILDERS.~~